



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross has been in Idaho since 1914 providing compassionate humanitarian care in disasters and other crises that threaten to overwhelm and destroy families; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers of the American Red Cross provide disaster services free, a gift of their time and the generosity of Idaho Citizens; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross responds to more than 300 disasters each year in Idaho and helps 1200 individuals who have lost their homes to disaster; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is committed to assuring a safe and adequate blood supply for Idaho and the American Public; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross Blood Services in Idaho must collect blood from 230 volunteer donors each day to assure that blood is available when needed by family members, friends, or neighbors in Idaho communities; and

WHEREAS, a blood donation is considered the gift of life because each donation can help save the lives of as many as three people; and

WHEREAS, residents of Idaho get the information they need to maintain safe and healthy lives through American Red Cross courses in lifesaving skills—first aid, CPR, water safety and much more; and

WHEREAS, the vital services of the American Red Cross would not be possible without generous contributions from the Idaho public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 2004, to be

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE